

**State of Michigan  
State Board of Education**

**Resolution to Support the Replacement of Michigan's Accreditation Requirement with  
Accountability Measures within Michigan's Approved  
Elementary and Secondary Education Act Flexibility Waiver**

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education (SBE) and the Michigan Department of Education are committed to reforms that ensure all students are career and college ready, bring improved focus and assistance to Michigan's neediest students, and support effective instruction in every classroom throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, the SBE believes it must continuously support strong accountability systems that hold students and teachers to high standards; and

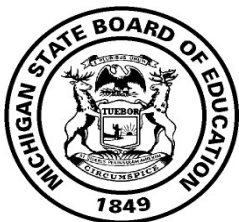
WHEREAS, the SBE has prioritized the need for an accountability system that focuses on closing achievement gaps; rewards school performance based on outcomes, including improved student achievement proficiency and growth; and ensures all students have effective educators in their schools; and

WHEREAS, the SBE supports the implementation of a single statewide accountability system as defined in Michigan's approved Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Flexibility request granted by the U.S. Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, key accountability components reflected in this approved flexibility request include:

- measures of student achievement, improvement in achievement gaps, as well as graduation rate
- bottom 5% schools being identified and targeted for interventions/sanctions
- teacher and leader "effectiveness" related to educator evaluations with student growth as a significant factor
- assurances of alignment to Career and College Ready Standards, Grade Level Content Expectations, and the Michigan Merit Curriculum
- compliance with Literacy and Math testing in grades 1-5
- transparency reporting; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the State Board of Education supports in concept House Bill 5659 of 2012.



Adopted August 14, 2012

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John C. Austin, President

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Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman and  
Superintendent of Public Instruction